

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 383-2013

# LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

October 22, 2013

SUBJECT: TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS RESOLUTIONS

Attached for your information are two. (2) resolutions passed by the Town of Bay Harbor on October 14, 2013:

### Resolution 1178:

A Resolution Affirming Support For The Installation Of Fiber Optic Cable For Public Use In The Florida East Coast Rail Corridor; Urging All Municipalities Of Miami-Dade County To Support The Installation Of Fiber Optic Cable For Public Use In The Florida East Coast Rail Corridor.

# And

# Resolution 1179:

A Resolution Directing The Creation Of An Anti-Bullying Policy That Establishes An Awareness Campaign And Reporting System For Bullying, Harassment, And Intimidation Of Children In Town Facilities; Directing The Town Manager To Create A Program Of Education And Reporting Of Bullying; And Requesting Surrounding Communities Join In Such Efforts And To Establish A Collaborative Initiative Through An Interlocal Board To Develop And Implement An Awareness Campaign And Anti-Bullying Policy.

The Town of Bay Harbor encourages the adoption of similar resolution by their surrounding municipalities.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 305.673.7411.

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**Attachments** 

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1178**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS. FLORIDA AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTIC CABLE FOR PUBLIC USE IN THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAIL CORRIDOR; URGING MUNICIPALITIES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO SUPPORT THE INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTIC CABLE FOR PUBLIC USE IN THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAIL CORRIDOR; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL AND **AUTHORIZATION:** PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Bay Harbor Islands is responsible for the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Bay Harbor Islands and those coming to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Bay Harbor Islands is charged with preserving and maintaining the high quality and standards, and aesthetic beauty contained within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council representing the local governments of Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties unanimously passed on July 19, 2013 Resolution No. 13-01 to support the installation of fiber optic cable for public use in the Florida East Coast rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, fiber optic technology provides a high speed broadband communication system that is a catalyst to enhance job creation, economic development, healthcare, and education; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Florida does not have fiber optic infrastructure available for public use throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the All Aboard Florida project is a proposal by Florida East Coast Industries to introduce express passenger rail service between Miami and Orlando follows the Florida East Coast rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast rail corridor is an ideal location for the co-location of fiber optic infrastructure because it links most of the urban areas in Southeast Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands urges other Municipalities of Miami-Dade County to support the installation of fiber optic cable for public use in the Florida East Coast rail corridor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>Recitals Adopted.</u> That each of the above stated recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed, and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Approval and Authorization. The Town Council approves and authorizes the Town Manager and/or his designee to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 3. Direction to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Miami-Dade County Municipal Clerks and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of October, 2013.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

TOWN ATTORNEY

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1179**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CREATION OF AN ANTI-BULLYING POLICY THAT ESTABLISHES AN AWARENESS REPORTING CAMPAIGN AND SYSTEM FOR BULLYING. HARASSMENT, AND INTIMIDATION OF CHILDREN IN TOWN FACILITIES; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO CREATE A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION AND REPORTING OF BULLYING; AND REQUESTING SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES JOIN IN SUCH EFFORTS AND TO ESTABLISH A COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE THROUGH AN INTERLOCAL BOARD TO DEVELOP IMPLEMENT AN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AND ANTI-BULLYING POLICY: PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION: PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Bay Harbor Islands (the "Town") is concerned about the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and desires to provide a healthy, positive, and safe atmosphere for its children; and

WHEREAS, it appears that incidents of bullying are increasing to such a degree, and research suggests that such incidents directly affect a student's health and well-being and thus contribute to excess absences from school, physical sickness, mental and emotional anguish, and long-term social and mental consequences, such that in 2011, the Florida legislature adopted Section 1006.147 Florida Statutes defining and prohibiting bullying and harassment in the public schools; and

WHEREAS, bullying, harassment, and intimidation can take many physical, verbal, and written forms, including physical bullying; teasing or name-calling; social exclusion; peer sexual harassment; bullying about race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity; and cyber bullying (bullying through email, text messaging, social media sites, and or other electronic means); and

WHEREAS, in addition to the public schools, many municipalities across the region are already engaged in anti-bullying education and prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes it is in the best interest of the Town to be proactive in these matters and to assure that every child is to be valued and respected regardless of perceived differences, and therefore wishes to condemn all forms of bullying and affirms the Town's commitment to equality and freedom from discrimination and violence for all of its residents, and particularly its children.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>Recitals</u>. That the above stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>Adoption of Anti-Bullying Policy and Recommendations.</u> That the Town Council wishes to take a leadership role in adopting an Anti-Bullying Policy that establishes an awareness campaign and reporting system for bullying, harassment, and intimidation and hereby directs the Town Manager to take the following actions:

a) To develop a policy that includes an awareness campaign which shall consist of an education program (including promotion and modeling of respectful language, fostering an understanding of and respect for diversity, and an annual training program for staff), signage referencing the Anti-Bullying Policy posted at all Parks and Recreation Department facilities, and a reporting system for these incidents of bullying or retaliation, in all Town facilities; and

- b) To coordinate and encourage the surrounding communities of Bal Harbour Village and Surfside, whose children utilize Town facilities (as well as other neighboring municipalities and schools) to join with the Town in effectuating such an effort; and
- c) Send a certified copy of this resolution to the municipal clerks of the surrounding communities of Bal Harbour Village, Miami Beach, North Bay Village, Surfside, Sunny Isles Beach, Aventura, North Miami Beach and North Miami as well as the Principals of Ruth K Broad K~8 Center and the surrounding public and private schools encouraging similar efforts.

Section 3. Implementation. That the Town Manager is hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this /4th day of for leg, 2013.

ATTEST:

**QOVAL AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:** 

TOWN ATTORNEY

I, Patsy A. Gibbs, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Florida, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original thereof on file in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said town

this 15th day of Octo

Deprity Town Clerk of the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Florida